

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Office Action stated that this application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group I, claim(s) 1-16, drawn to the structure of a system and method for obtaining an image of a buried structure in an object, classified in class 382, subclass 128.

Group II, claim(s) 17-22, drawn to the structure of a puncture tool for human tissue for puncturing human tissue, classified in class 600, subclass 573.

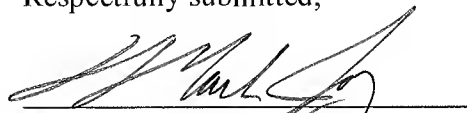
In response to the Office Action, applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-16, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants, however, reserve the right to present the non-elected claims in this or any other appropriate application.

CONCLUSION

The application is now in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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